c. for item (11) the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"(11) Building and Construction Industry including processing and polishing of granite stones."

Violation of Child Labour Law

†*40. **SHRI** PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that child labour is still existing in various States in the country and labour laws are being openly flouted;

(b) if so, the States in the country from where child labourers have been rescued during the last one year; and

(c) the action taken against the persons found responsible for violation of labour laws during the last one year, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Child labour being a complex socio-economic problem needs sustained efforts over a long period of time. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, Government is following a sequential approach, initially covering children working in hazardous occupations/processes.

As per Section 14 of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, any person who employs a child in any occupation of process where employment of children is banned under the Act, is liable for punishment with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than 3 months but which may extend to one year or with fine ranging from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 20,000/-. State Governments are the appropriate Government for implementation of the provisions of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 for the areas coming under their jurisdiction. The information received from the State Governments as regards the number of inspections, violations, convictions and prosecutions during 2006-07 is given in the statement.

Statement

The number of inspections, violations, convictions and prosecutions during 2006-07 as received from the State Governments.

Name of State/UT	Inspections	Violations	Convictions	Prosecution
1	2	3	4	5
1. Andaman &Nico I.UT				
2. Andhra Pradesh	53843	53843	0	9228
3. Arunachal Pradesh				
4. Assam				
5. Bihar				

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5
6. Chandigarh U.T.	1454	0	0	0
7. Chhattisgarh	3648	19	0	19
8. Dadra & Nagar H.UT	69	0	0	0
9. Daman & Diu U.T.				
10. Delhi U.T.				
11. Goa				
12. Gujarat				
13. Haryana	1956	0	0	0
14. Himachal Pradesh	2287	0	0	0
15. Jammu & Kashmir	4378	64	1	60
16. Jharkhand	1704	67	0	4
17. Karnataka				
18. Kerala	6073	23	0	1
19. Lakshadweep U.T.				
20. Madhya Pradesh				
21. Maharashtra				
22. Manipur			-	
23. Meghalaya	425	0	0	0
24. Mizoram				
25. Nagaland				
26. Orissa				
27. Pondicherry U.T.				
28. Punjab				
29. Rajasthan				
30. Sikkim				
31. Tamil Nadu				
32. Tripura	157	0	0	0
33. Uttar Pradesh	3807	2513	19	117
34. Uttarakhand	2101	2	0	0
35. West Bengal	3821	112	0	7
TOTAL	85723	56643	20	9436